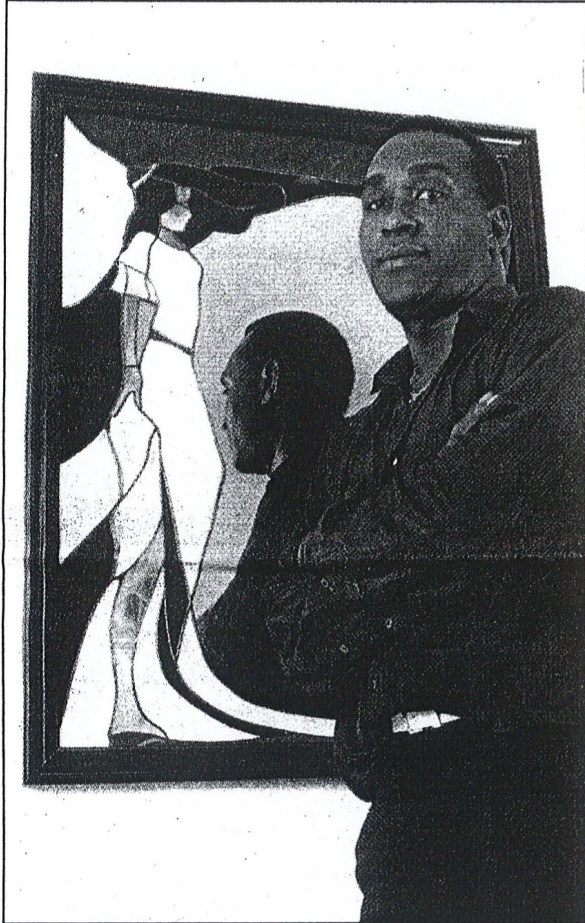


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Waldy Simson's anniversary exhibition to open this Sunday



ORANJESTAD - On Sunday, June 4, 2000, artist Waldy Ricardo Simson will hold a special exhibition in the activity room of the Aruba National Library.

The Waldy Simson 1990 - 2000 exhibition is a celebration of the 10th anniversary of this multi talented artist.

The self-taught Simson officially started his career in The Netherlands, spending time in

a variety of the artistic endeavors like music, poetry, ceramics, tiffany, painting, "graphology" and paper art. He succeeded through his love for art, hard work and continuously directing his mind and energy to the pursuit of art in spite of many setbacks.

Through several expositions in The Netherlands, Surinam, Aruba and Bonaire, Waldy Simson reached many people

with his work in the expression of art, and his works are attaining more popularity.

The tiffany artwork displayed at this exhibition will accentuate the beauty of colored glass and the multiple function of tiffany artwork. Simson hopes that this will offer visual proof of the extraordinary works of art that can be created with glass, despite the many limitations presented with this medium. According to Simson, a lot of patience and faith in one's own abilities is required when working with glass.

Among the unique tiffany works displayed at the exhibition is "Every day creates your history", with photos of Michael Jackson in tiffany style. There is also a hanging lamp with a dancing woman, simply called "Woman". In this piece, where the beauty of the woman is central, Simson uses the largest quantity of glass, a total of 186 pieces, that he has ever utilized for one of his works.

The paintings on exhibit express impressions of various experiences, thoughts and feelings which are tied persons or places. To make these paintings, the Simson used different materials like oil paint, aquarel paint, acrylic, glue, material, colored glass, paper, seaweed, a key, and even his own hair.

Two of the paintings he created with his seven year-old son Jurio Guiseppe Simson, who seems to have a flair for the artistic as well, and presently lives in The Netherlands.

The inauguration of the exposition will take place on Sun-

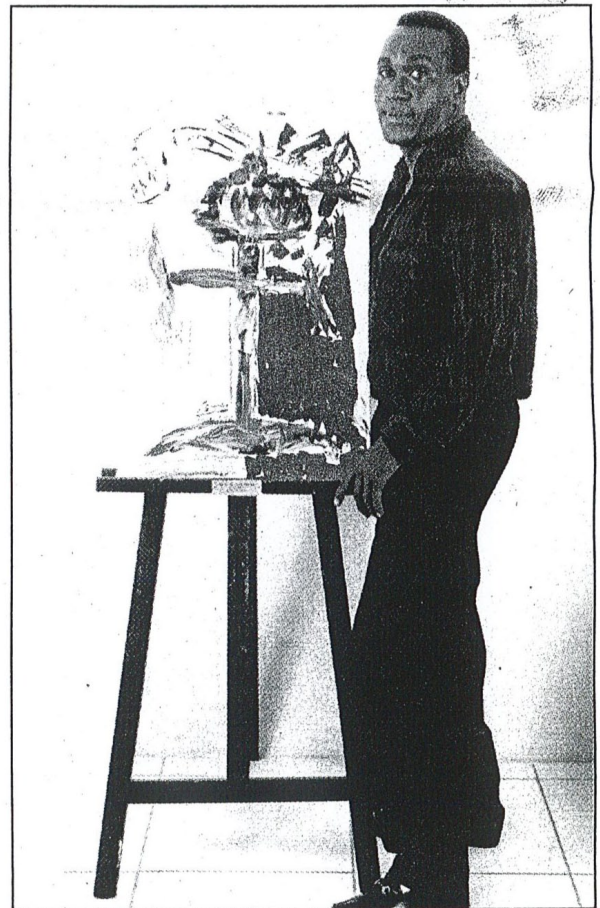
day, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. and ends on June 18, 2000. There will be a performance by Lenny Denz, Annie Ho A Sjoel, Michel van Samson, Voëal Ensemble Sranan under direction of Rufo Odor, and Akeem Mitchell and Uginia Thomson in a steel band presentation.

Elvis Lopez, the renown Aruban artist, will officially inaugurate the exhibition.

The exhibition will be open every day between 9:00 a.m.

and 8:00 p.m. The artist will be present on Monday though Friday from 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m.

The artist is dedicating this exhibition to all art lovers of his plastic work, along with written works particularly for his mother Marie Johanna Valpoort, and those who supported him along the way like Suzy Meinhart, Rufo Odor, and John Hessen. □



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